

One of the eight recipients of this year's award, AIRINC/Fokker Services, specializes in the maintenance, repair, and overhaul work for aircraft including Airbus and Boeing airplanes. AIRINC was recognized by the award for being an excellent role model to the Alabama business community, for its continuous strong support of the entire Alabama export community, for its involvement at the international level, and for its continued growth as a business themselves. With a 26,000 square foot facility and 65 employees, AIRINC brings in approximately \$13.5 million in revenue each year, and regularly sends employees on business to parts of Europe and Asia.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating both the employees and management team at AIRINC/Fokker Services for receiving the Alabama Governor's Trade Excellence Award. I know the employees, their friends, families, and members of the community join with me in praising AIRINC/Fokker Services for their many accomplishments, and I extend my thanks for their continued service to the Alabama business community, the First Congressional District, and to the international business community.

IN TRIBUTE TO GWEN JACKSON

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2007

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a compassionate leader and volunteer from the Fourth Congressional District, Gwen T. Jackson. Her involvement in the voluntary and nonprofit arena has been a lifelong pursuit: she has served on the board of over 50 different organizations in the Milwaukee metro area. Mrs. Jackson is a recognized leader at the national, regional and local level for her work in the community.

Mrs. Jackson was a pioneer for women in management and executive business positions and was vice president of human resources when she elected for early retirement in 1981 from BRILLS, Inc. where she worked for over 30 years.

Mrs. Jackson is well known as the consummate volunteer and her commitment to civic involvement includes the following leadership roles: chairman, Women's Fund of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation; United Way of Greater Milwaukee; Volunteers of America of Wisconsin; Alliance for Children and Family; Milwaukee County Department on Aging; African American Women's Project and chapter chair and chairperson emeritus of the red cross of greater Milwaukee among others. Mrs. Jackson's over 40-year tenure of volunteering at the Red Cross is held as her signature volunteer service. Further, she served as the national chairman of volunteers and part of the senior management team for the American National Red Cross in Washington D.C.

Mrs. Jackson's advocacy and leadership on a myriad of issues including the fields of aging, health, women and youth has earned her the respect and heartfelt admiration of Milwaukeeans. She has not only been the recipient of countless awards including an Honorary Doctorate from Cardinal Stritch University and Outstanding Citizen Award from the

National Council of Christians and Jews, but she has also had awards and scholarships named in her honor including the Gwen T. Jackson Angel Fund to provide quality of life assistance to frail elderly and mentally challenged adults who live in Volunteers of America of Wisconsin group homes.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Mrs. Jackson's contributions to the Fourth Congressional District. She is a community treasure and the many honors and awards she has received are a testament to the positive impact she has had on Milwaukee.

TRIBUTE TO DMITRY A. BROWN FOR THE AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dmitry Brown, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 397, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dmitry has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Dmitry has been involved in scouting, he has earned 41 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Scribe, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Dmitry is a brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow and a Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Dmitry has earned numerous awards such as the Leave No Trace Award, World Conservation Award, God and Life Award, and the Bartle Heritage Award.

For his Eagle Scout project, Dmitry constructed a sandbox and bench for the students of Dogwood Elementary School.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dmitry Brown for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING ABRAHAM MITCHELL FOR BEING NAMED MOBILIAN OF THE YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to honor Mr. Abraham Mitchell on the occasion of being named Mobilian of the Year for 2006 by the Mobile Civitan Club.

The Mobilian of the Year is the city's most prestigious civic honor, and Abe is most deserving of his award. With his brother Mayer, Abe co-founded the Mitchell Company in the 1950's, which would go on to become one of the southeast's largest real-estate companies before being sold in 1985. After his retirement from real estate, Abe became co-owner of another endeavor, Mitchell Brothers, Inc., which

has focused on investments and philanthropic support.

Abe is not only a very successful businessman, but he and his family have set a new standard in the state of Alabama for their philanthropic endeavors. Abe has always believed that education is paramount to the improvement of the human condition and, to that end, he has been extremely supportive of Mobile's institutes of higher education.

According to the University of South Alabama, Abe has donated at least \$4 million personally, providing for three endowed chairs in the College of Medicine and the soon to be opened Resources Learning Center in the Mitchell College of Business.

Moreover, he has funded the largest private scholarship program at USA, which provides 20 full academic scholarships each year. Abe has also supported the University of Mobile, Springhill College, Bishop State Community College, among others. He has also been heavily involved in philanthropic support of numerous cultural endeavors and community health and human service programs.

Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my personal congratulations to Mr. Abraham Mitchell for being named the Mobilian of the Year for 2006 and in so doing recognize him for his many outstanding professional and philanthropic accomplishments.

Abe's enormous generosity not only benefits the students of the University of South Alabama but our entire community, State and Nation. His extraordinary positive impact has set an exemplary example for young and old alike in Mobile. I know that my colleagues will join me in commending him for his commitment to improving the lives of so many others.

INTRODUCTION OF DIVIDENDS PROPOSAL

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2007

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, since 2003, certain qualified dividends from corporations have been eligible for a lower rate of tax. This lower rate of tax is 15 percent for higher income taxpayers and 5 percent for lower income taxpayers, specifically those in the 10 and 15 percent brackets. The rate of tax for lower income taxpayers becomes zero in 2008 and beyond. At the end of 2010, these special rates expire and dividends will be once again taxed as ordinary income.

This special rate was first proposed by President Bush on January 7, 2003. The proposal was described in a document released later that month by Treasury entitled, "Eliminate the Double Taxation on Corporate Earnings." Treasury explained the reason for the change was the double burden of a corporate level tax on top of the individual tax on dividends. The proposal would apply only to income that had been subject to U.S. income tax at the corporate level. But the proposal was terribly complicated.

The House then proposed a simpler cut in the dividend rate to 15 percent for any dividends received from domestic corporations. However, the final conference report did allow some dividends from foreign corporations to